

Assembly Bill No. 2326

CHAPTER 653

An act to add Section 56351.7 to the Education Code, relating to public schools.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2326, Frommer. Braille reading standards.

Existing law requires school districts, special education local plan areas, and county offices of education, to provide opportunities for braille instruction for pupils who have a need for braille as a reading medium.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to form an advisory task force, with prescribed membership approved by the State Board of Education, to develop standards for mastery of the braille code by pupils, and to report to the Governor and the Legislature by June 30, 2004.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 56351.7 is added to the Education Code, to read:

56351.7. (a) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall form an advisory task force to develop standards for the mastery of the braille code as a child progresses through kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive.

(b) The task force shall include, but shall not be limited to, members approved by the State Board of Education representing all of the following:

- (1) Parents of visually impaired pupils.
- (2) Teachers of visually impaired pupils.
- (3) Researchers in the field of visual impairment.
- (4) Braille experts.
- (5) Groups that advocate for teaching of, and use of, braille.
- (6) Groups that advocate for the visually impaired.

(c) The task force shall report to the Governor and to the education committees of the Assembly and the Senate by June 30, 2004.

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